



THE LORD'S LOVE SEEKS OUT SINNERS AND DIES FOR THEM

The Festival of St. Mary Magdalene



Sunday, July 22, 2018

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, **Listening Devices** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A **Large-Print Service Folder** is also available if you are in need of it. A **Nursery** is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Whenever the New Testament Gospels name the women who were with Jesus, St. Mary Magdalene is listed first (John 19:25 is the only exception), perhaps because she was the first to see the risen Savior alive. Luke 8:2 reports that Jesus had cured her of being possessed by seven demons. Through the centuries, she has often been identified with the repentant “woman of the city” who anointed Jesus’ feet as He sat at the table in the Pharisee’s home (Luke 7:36 -50). But there is no biblical basis for this identification of her with a penitent prostitute. Nor is she to be identified with Mary, the sister of Martha, in Bethany. According to the Gospels, Mary Magdalene saw Jesus die; she witnessed His burial; and, most important, she was the first to see Him alive again after His resurrection (John 20:11-18). It is for good reason that Bernard of Clairvaux calls her “the apostle to the apostles.”

HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY

As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God’s holy word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. While this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this as true. God warns us in the Bible that anyone who doesn’t understand this

teaching or who denies this real presence of Christ’s body and blood will do damage to his or her soul if not properly taught first (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).



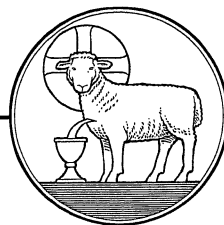
As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals, especially those attending the Lord’s Table today. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are not under church discipline in another congregation, and are members of our congregation, one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], or a member of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS].

SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Presiding & Preaching Minister.....Pr. Nathanael Seelow
Keyboardist.....Michelle Reinsch
Ushers.....
Greeter.....

THE DIVINE SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

For All the Faithful Women | Tune: KUORTANE [CW 552]

△ Please stand for the final stanza.

- 1 For all the faithful women who served in days of old
To you shall thanks be given, to all their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.
 - 2 We praise the other Mary, who came at Easter dawn,
And near the tomb did tarry, but found her Lord was gone.
As joyfully she saw him in resurrection light,
May we by faith behold him, the day who ends all night.
 - 3 O God, for saints and servants, those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving and fervent prayer we raise
That faithful in Your service, our lives may sing Your praise.
- △ 4 All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Holy Spirit, who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went before us, with saints who witness still,
We sing glad alleluias and strive to do Your will.

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

Please stand.

- M** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

We invoke the name of the Trinity to signify our worship as exclusively Christian and to remember that we are God's baptized people. Gathered in his Name, we are sure of his presence and his blessing.

Beginning each day yourself with the invocation and the sign of the cross is a great reminder that your life and day are sanctified by Holy Baptism.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- M** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*
- Silence for meditation as you examine your thoughts, words, and actions according to God's Word.*
- M** We confess: **C** Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus sake.

ABSOLUTION

- M** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY — Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- M** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- M** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

We cannot approach God without having our sins forgiven. He is holy and we are not. Confession assures us of a clean slate before God and prepares us for worship, hearing God's Word, and receiving the Lord's Supper.

God is gracious and merciful. He forgives us for Christ's sake. This assures us that we can receive the rest of his gifts through the service and return thanks for those gifts, having been set free from the burden of sin.

Kyrie eleison [kir-ē-a ə-lā-ə-sān] is a Greek phrase meaning "Lord, have mercy." We have already received the mercy of God for forgiveness in Holy Absolution. Now we ask his mercy for all other things we need for a God-pleasing spiritual life.

C Christ, have mercy.

M For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M Lord of Life, live in us that we may live for you.

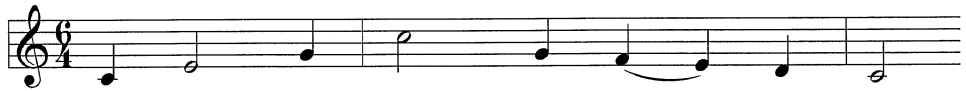
C Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD — *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM [CW 196]

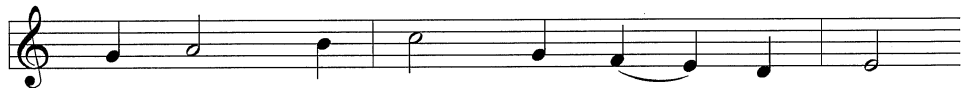
Having just petitioned the Lord for blessings beyond the forgiveness just granted in absolution, we now praise him as the One who can deliver those blessings, because he is the all-powerful God. His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the Lamb worthy of our praise, just as the angels praised him at his birth.



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.

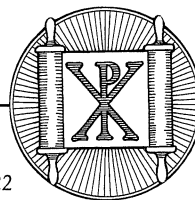


We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

The Service of the Word



SALUTATION

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY — Collect

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ restored Mary Magdalene to health and called her to be the first witness of His resurrection. Heal us from all our infirmities, and call us to know You in the power of Your Son's unending life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 31:10-31

WHO CAN FIND A WIFE with strong character? Her value is greater than that of gems. ¹¹ Her husband's heart trusts her, and he never lacks wealth. ¹² She does good for him and not evil all the days of her life.

¹³ She obtains wool and flax. She eagerly works it with her hands.

¹⁴ She is like merchant ships. She brings her food from far away.

¹⁵ She rises while it is still night. She gives food to her household. She gives their share to her female servants. ¹⁶ She considers a field and acquires it. From her own income, she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷ She wraps strength around her waist like a belt, and she makes her arms strong. ¹⁸ She realizes that she makes a good profit. Her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹ She stretches out her hands for the distaff, and the palms of her hands grasp the spindle. ²⁰ She opens the palm of her hand to the oppressed, and she stretches out her hands to the

The salutation is found all through the Scriptures. The pastor stands before the congregation as Christ's servant. As the Lord's servant, he speaks God's peace to the congregation. As the congregation responds with "and also with you," they affirm his Call and Vocation with respect and Christian love.

The Collect serves to prepare the congregation for the reception of the special Word of the Day, now about to be read. In it pastor and people pray for the particular grace which that Word offers and conveys.

"Who can find a wife with strong character?" The better question is, "What is strong character?" Solomon tells us today that a woman who "fears the Lord" is one of strong character.

needy. ²¹ She does not fear for her household on account of snow, because her entire household is clothed in scarlet clothing. ²² She makes bedspreads for herself. Fine linen and purple cloth are her clothing. ²³ Her husband is known at the city gates, where he sits with the elders of the land. ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them, and she delivers belts to the merchants. ²⁵ Strength and honor are her clothing, and she laughs at the days to come. ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and kind instruction is on her tongue. ²⁷ She keeps a close eye on the conduct of her household, and she does not eat bread that she did not work for. ²⁸ Her children rise up and bless her. Her husband rises up and praises her: ²⁹ "Many daughters show strong character, but you have surpassed all of them."

³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is vapor that vanishes, but a woman who fears the LORD should be praised. ³¹ Give her credit for the fruit of her hands, and let her accomplishments praise her in the city gates.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Refrain*Psalm tone**Refrain*

I am always with | you, O LORD;
you hold me by my | right hand.

You guide me with your | counsel,
and afterward you will take me into | glory.

Whom have I in hea- | ven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire be- | sides you.

My flesh and my | heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

Christ had no wife on earth; His bride is the Church—the assembly of forgiven sinners rescued by His death and resurrection. Among them is St. Mary Magdalene, one “who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem.” The Lord rescued her from the power of seven demons and she provided for Him out of her means (Luke 8:2–3).

SECOND LESSON

Acts 13:26-31

GENTLEMEN, BROTHERS, sons of Abraham’s family, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to you. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the statements of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸ Though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ When they carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he was seen by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These same individuals are now his witnesses to the people.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17

Please stand.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M The Holy Gospel for the feast of St. Mary Magdalene, according to St. John, chapter twenty.

C Praise be to you, O Lord.

EARLY ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she left and ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,” she told them, “and we don’t know where they put him!”

¹¹ But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent over, looking into the tomb. ¹² She saw two angels in white clothes sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She told them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they have laid him.”

¹⁴ After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus.

¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?”

Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you carried him off, tell me where you laid him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned and replied in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means, “Teacher”).

¹⁷ Jesus told her, “Do not continue to cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father—to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord!” She also told them the things he said to her.

Mary Magdalene was there at Christ's death, present at His burial, and honored as the first witness of His resurrection. She would have clung to Him there in the garden, but the Lord had not yet ascended to His Father and our Father to fill all things (Eph. 4:10). But for now He is heard in the Word of His witnesses and is here bodily in His Supper.

Upon hearing the Word preached, the congregation unites in one voice to speak a summary of the Christian faith just preached. The creeds signify our allegiance to Christian doctrine and unite us with over 2,000 years of Christian history. By repeating the creeds weekly, we equip ourselves for public witness by grounding our confession in the fundamentals of our faith.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown | **CW 110**

SERMON

Acts 13:26-31 | **Mary's God is Your God**

APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth. 2 Cor. 6:18
Is. 51:13

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died,
and was buried. 1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18
Lk. 1:35
Lk. 1:34; 2:7
Lk. 23:16
Mt. 27:32-61; Mk. 15:21-47;
Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42

He descended into hell. 1 Pet. 3:19

The third day he rose again from the dead. 1 Cor. 15:4b

He ascended into heaven Ac. 2:33-34

and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty. Heb. 1:13

From there he will come to judge Mt. 25:31

the living and the dead. 2 Tim. 4:1

I believe in the Holy Spirit, Mt. 3:16-17

the holy Christian Church, Eph. 5:23

the communion of saints, Eph. 4:3-6

the forgiveness of sins, Rom. 4:6-8

the resurrection of the body, Ecc. 12:7

and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen. 1 Th. 4:17

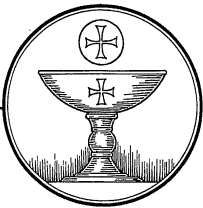
Be seated.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

The Service of the Sacrament



PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

Lamentations 3:41

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136

C It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, *who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.* Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Tune: LANCASHIRE [CW 166]

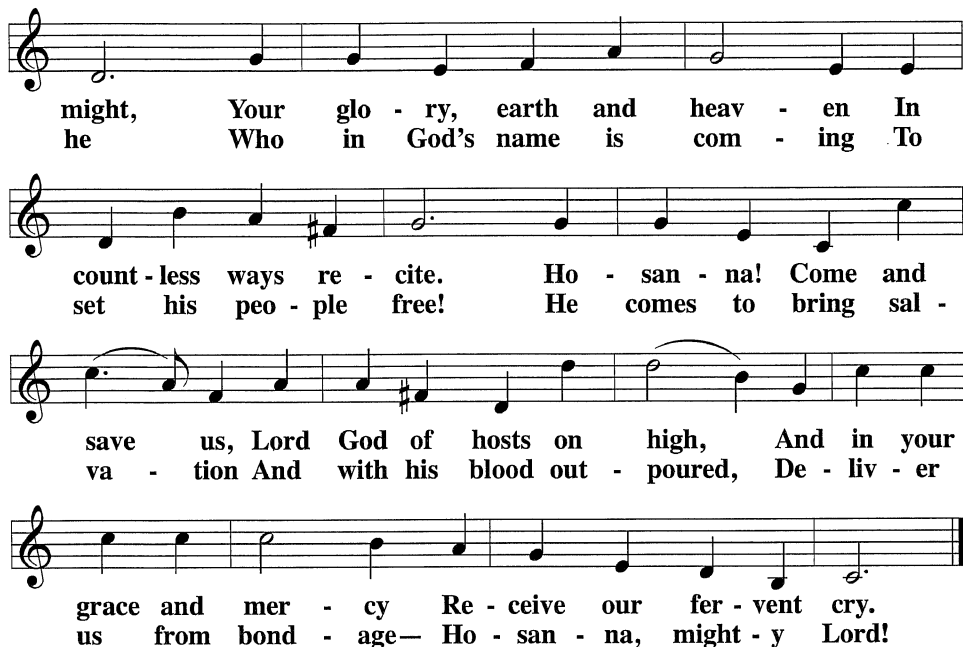
Musical notation for the Sanctus, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below the staff, the lyrics are provided in two parts: 1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and 2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

Moved by God's love in Christ, by our Offering we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

First recorded in A.D. 220, this dialogue and prayer begins the liturgy of the Lord's Supper. Each season has its own unique text (*italics*).

"Sanctus" means "holy." The body and blood of our Lord are present in this Sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 and of the Palm Sunday crowds from Matthew 21 to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal.

Take note of the intense reverence of God's holiness in this canticle. May we pray that we daily show such reverence.



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

As the testaments are linked to Christ in the Service of the Word, so do we remember and give thanks for salvation history in the Church's table prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M All glory and splendor, thanks and praise are yours, O Lord, heavenly Father. Bless our reception of your Son's body and blood that we may shine with the joy of faith. Use this most Holy Sacrament to illumine our lives and minds with Christ's forgiveness, peace, and comfort. Refresh our faith, and help us to reflect his truth and grace to the world. We ask this that you may receive endless honor, glory, and praise from every tribe and language and people and nation.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER — *Pater Noster*

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

M Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done

The Lord's Prayer, given us by Christ himself, is wonderfully and appropriately spoken here as we approach his Supper.

on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver ✠ us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.

*Daily the baptized
 people of God pray.
 The Lord's Prayer is
 both a prayer to pray
 and a model for all
 our prayers.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION — *Verba*

*Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-24;
 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

*The words of our Lord
 bestow exactly what
 they say. In the words
 of consecration the
 Lord's Word delivers
 his body and blood for
 our forgiveness.*

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Though we are blessed
 with many good
 foods, no other meal
 gives the body and
 blood of Christ to
 sinners. For this
 reason, we cherish
 and crave this meal
 each time it is offered.*

PEACE OF THE LORD — *Pax Domini*

John 20:19

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

*The resurrected Lord
 calmed the fears of the
 disciples with his
 peace. The resurrected
 Lord is present in the
 Supper, and so the
 pastor speaks peace to
 us on his behalf.*

LAMB OF GOD — *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29



*During stressful
 times, remember the
 peace of Christ that
 you received in his
 Supper today.*

"Agnus Dei" [ägnūs-dā-ē] means "Lamb of God," and reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God, sacrificed for our forgiveness.

sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read **Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Prayer suggestions for before and after receiving the Lord's Supper can be found in the hymnal on pages 10-11 and 134-139.

SONG OF SIMEON — Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY [CW 368]

Please stand.

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to

*Good Shepherd confesses and practices the Biblical teaching of a **Closed Communion**. We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord's Table. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, or would like to inquire about how you, too, can commune with us, please speak with the Pastor following the service.*



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -
car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -
light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une
crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON & COLLECT

Psalm 107:1

M O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

C And his mercy endures forever.

M We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Having received forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, we thank the Lord for his gifts and pray that he will grant us faith to use them in love toward our neighbor.

In Numbers 6 God tells Aaron to put his name on the people of God with these words. As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name.

Live each day with confidence, knowing that you have the Lord's blessing and presence with you.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

M The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me | CW 479



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